

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

<p>IN RE ACTOS ANTITRUST LITIGATION THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO: ALL END-PAYOR PLAINTIFF ACTIONS</p>	<p>Master File No. 1:13-cv-09244-RA-SDA</p>
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**END-PAYOR PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING
REGARDING CLASS CERTIFICATION**

End-Payor Plaintiffs (“EPPs”) move for an evidentiary hearing in relation to their pending motion for class certification to allow for both oral argument and live testimony from their expert, Ms. Laura Craft, MPH.

EPPs bear the burden of establishing the requirements of class certification. *See In re Petrobas Sec.*, 862 F.3d 250, 260 (2d Cir. 2017). Although “courts in this Circuit employ a liberal rather than restrictive construction of Rule 23,” the Court is still required to conduct a “rigorous analysis” in deciding whether to grant class certification. *In re Air Cargo Shipping Services Antitrust Litig.*, 06-MD-1175 JP VVP, 2014 WL 7882100, at *29 (E.D.N.Y. 2014). EPPs believe that testimony from Ms. Craft will aid the Court in conducting this analysis and ruling on EPPs’ pending motion. Defendants’ opposition to EPPs’ motion largely focuses on class membership issues that fall within Ms. Craft’s specialized expertise. EPPs believe live testimony from Ms. Craft will be helpful to explain and answer any questions regarding the pharmaceutical data and how available data and other information can be used to confirm class membership and exclusion criteria in a manageable fashion.

EPPs propose the following format for the hearing:

Event	Timing
Opening Argument	½ hour per party
Examination of Laura Craft	1 hour per party
Examination of Defendants’ Expert (if any)	1 hour per party
Closing Argument	½ hour per party

Courts in similar pharmaceutical antitrust cases have allowed for and benefited from the ability to examine experts, including Ms. Craft, whose opinions underlie the parties’ positions. *See, e.g., In*

re Restasis (Cyclosporine Ophthalmic Emulsion) Antitrust Litig., 335 F.R.D. 1, 10-11, 30 (E.D.N.Y. 2020) (granting class certification following a two-day evidentiary hearing and oral argument; finding that “Ms. Craft … credibly and persuasively testified” regarding class membership issues); *In re Lipitor Antitrust Litig.*, 3:12-cv-02389-PGS-DEA, Order, ECF No. 1267, (D.N.J. Jul. 24, 2023) (allowing evidentiary hearing); *In re Zetia (Ezetimibe) Antitrust Litig.*, 2021 WL 3704727, at *4 (E.D. Va. Aug. 20, 2021) (same); *In re Loestrin 24 FE Antitrust Litig.*, 410 F. Supp. 3d 352, 386 (D.R.I. 2019) (same). Accordingly, EPPs respectfully request that the Court grant their motion for an evidentiary hearing.

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Respectfully submitted,

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